

PATENT
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5 In an interactive display interface, an implementation
for highlighting all icons in any set of a plurality of the
said icons, wherein each icon in the set is within a prede-
termined distance of an approaching pointer or cursor. In
other words, the point of the pointer or cursor may be
10 considered to be surrounded by a circular halo with a radius
of said predetermined distance. The user moves the cursor
in a standard manner. However, if the icons that the moving
cursor is approaching are so densely spaced that more than
15 one, i.e. a plurality of icons come icon comes within the
halo, then all of the icons within this set of the plurality
of icons is highlighted to give the user a more distinct
choice. The highlighting of each of said the highlighted
icons is ended when the pointer moves outside of the said
predetermined distance or halo radius. There is also an
20 implementation for sequentially highlighting each icon in
the set instead of simultaneously highlighting the set of
icons. This is particularly effective where the icons are
overlapped or stacked. --

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